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UPTON UPON SEVERN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report for the Year 1960.

To the Chairman & Members of the Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1960.

The year has been a particularly quiet one in our office in the sense that very few things out of the ordinary have occurred, and in the sense that we have not had to undertake any large scale investigations on any particular subject during the year. You will see from Mr. Cromwell's report that a great deal of routine work has as usual been carried out.

As progress was made in the construction of the new Birmingham Motorway, complaints were made to us, first in the dry weather of the nuisance caused by dust, and later in wet weather by the nuisance caused by mud. Although neither complaint was strictly speaking the concern of the Public Health Department, it served to draw attention to the great changes taking place in the countryside consequent upon the increase in traffic on the roads.

Although the contractors of the new motorway were most co-operative, the provision of portable closets on the main sites where work took place failed to reduce the fouling of hedges near the roadworks by any marked degree.

A similar problem also arises as a result of increase in road traffic on main trunk roads at night. Not only lorries, but also private long distant motorists frequently drive through part or most of the night, in order to avoid the peak hours of traffic congestion. These drivers often stop in "lay-bys" for an hour or two, either to sleep, or for a rest and a meal, with the result that adjacent hedges and ditches become foul or very foul. Temporary fruit stalls are often put up near these "lay-bys" for the purpose of selling soft fruit in season. The fly population at these stalls has direct access to human excreta and to fruit. Thus it may be possible to explain the occasional sporadic case of intestinal infection that occurrs in all districts for no apparent reason.

/This problem

This problem is a national rather than a local one and calls in the first place for a combined effort at all administrative levels.

It only remains for me to thank the Chairman and members of the Committee for their individual and collective support which has made our work so much easier and more rewarding. The happy feeling of co-operation and friendliness continues to permeate the department and is very much appreciated.

H.F. GREEN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area:

Acreage	50,947.
Number of inhabited houses according to the rate books. ...	4,120.
Rateable Value	£126,571.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£503.
Resident population (Registrar General's Estimate).	14,480.
Live Births:	
Number.	181.
Rate per 1,000 population.	16.7.
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent. of total live births). ...	4.9.
Stillbirths:	
Number	3.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	16.3.
Total Live and Still Births.	184.
Infant Deaths.	6.
Infant Mortality Rates:	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.	33.14.
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate births. ...	34.88.
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births.	22.0.
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate.	11.0.
Perinatal Mortality Rate.	27.1.
Maternal Mortality (including abortion).	
Number of deaths	1.
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	5.4.

CAUSES OF DEATHS (All ages).

	M.	F.	Total.
Infective and Parastic Diseases.	1.	1.	2.
Cancer - all forms.	8.	6.	14.
Other malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	8.	8.	16.
Diabetes.	1.	2.	3.
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10.	18.	28.
Diseases of heart and arteries	52.	41.	93.
Pneumonia	11.	25.	36.
Bronchitis.	9.	4.	13.
Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	1.	1.
Diseases of digestive system.	2.	-	2.
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	1.	1.
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	2.	-	2.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	1.	1.
Congenital Malformations.	2.	-	2.
Violence.	5.	5.	10.
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	21.	14.	35.
Totals	132.	127.	259.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Services.

Chemical analysis is carried out by the County Analyst, County Laboratory, Worcester.

Bacteriological examination is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Clinics.

There are none provided by this Authority.

The County Council have provided, by local arrangement with Voluntary Committees, for Infant Welfare Centres to be held in the following parishes:

Hanley Swan Kempsey Longdon
Upton upon Severn Welland.

Clinics are also provided at Worcester and Malvern under arrangements made by the County Council, for Maternity and Eye cases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Table shewing number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year.

	Total all ages.	Age Un-Known	0-1 yr.	1-2 yrs	3-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	Over 25 yrs.
Measles.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ac. Pneumonia.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Dysentery.	14	3	-	-	-	5	1	2	3
Food Poisoning.	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal.Pyrexia.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals.	23	5	2	-	-	6	2	3	5

The following action was taken during the year in respect of Infectious Disease Notifications received:

Visits to premises for investigation.	28
Premises disinfected after notifiable disease. ...	-
Premises disinfected after other diseases.	2

Tuberculosis.

4 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

At the end of 1960 the tuberculosis register contained the names of 40 males and 22 females who normally reside in the district.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Table shewing number of children vaccinated during the year:

	Under 1 yr.	1-2 yrs	2-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15 & over	Totals.
Number of children receiving primary vaccination	105	4	3	8	5	125.
Number of children re-vaccinated.	-	-	-	-	5	5.

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Table shewing number of children who have completed a primary course of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) during the year:

	0-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	Total
Number of children immunised.	123.	11	134

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	Under 1 yr.	1-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	Totals
Children who received a full course of primary immunisation.	99	33	9	141
Children who received a re-inforcing injection.	-	13	82	95

IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION

Table shewing number of children who have completed a full course of Immunisation at any time between 1st January, 1946 and 31st December, 1960.

Age at 31.12.59.	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-14 yrs	Total under 15 yrs.
Number Immunised	487	796	978	2,261

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

To the Chairman & Members of the District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting a report on the work of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

Summary of General Visits and Inspections.

General complaints	45
Drainage inspections - supervision of work	120
Drain tests	68
Visits to temporary dwellings	47
Improvement Grants - Housing Acts 1949/57	405
Inspections of works in progress	107
Visits in connection with Infectious Disease	28
Inspection under Petroleum Regulations	18
Miscellaneous visits and revisits	135

Inspections under Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Inspections of cafes, kitchens & Public Houses ...	17
Inspections of bakehouses	14
Inspections of premises registered for manufacture of sausages, pressed meat etc.	11
Inspections in connection with the sale of Ice Cream	6
Inspections of other food premises.	11
Inspections under Public Health (Meat) Regulations	245

Shops Act, 1950.

No action was found necessary as a result of inspections made for the purposes of Sections 37 & 38 (subsections 3,4 & 5) of the Shops Acts, 1950.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Post mortem examination of all animals slaughtered is carried out, and for this purpose 245 visits were made during the year.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	191	-	34	571	55
Number Inspected	191	-	34	571	55
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticerci.					
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some organ or part was condemned	21	-	-	6	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci.	10.99%	-	-	1.05%	2.63%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some organ or part was condemned.	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	.5%	-	-	-	-

Cysticerci - No carcase was found to be affected.

No. of Food Premises in the District:

Shops:-

Butchers	6
Bakers and Confectioners	6
Grocery & Provisions	31
Fish (Wet & Fried)	1
Cafes & Refreshment Houses	14
Licensed Premises	55
Food Factories	3

In addition at least three mobile shops (Butchers and Wet Fish) are known to trade in the district although being based outside it. The general standard of tthese vehicles is reasonably good.

Bakehouses

There are now only 5 bakehouses in operation in the district in all of which a high standard is maintained.

Fourteen inspections were made during the year.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

No. of premises registered and purpose of registration, under Section 16:

Premises registered for storage & sale of pre-packed ice-cream. ...	40
Premises registered for manufacture... of sausages, pressed meat etc.	5

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (cont.)

Food Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

Table shewing quantities of food condemned during the year.

Beef (Hind Quarter)	77 lbs.
Fish Paste	2 Jars.
Canned Fruits	8 Cans.
" Fruit Juice	2 Cans.
" Soups	2 Cans.
" Vegetables	7 Cans.
" Milk Products	1 Can.
" Fish	3 Cans.
" Meats	61 Cans.

Disposal of Condemned Food.

Large items such as complete carcases, are collected by a specialist firm from the City of Worcester for processing, but the average small items are either burnt or buried.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955 & 1960.

The general standard of food premises was found to be reasonably good, and employees appeared very willing to co-operate.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Work on the last of the major water schemes for the district progressed very slowly during the year.

The construction of the new motorway delayed certain mainlaying of the North Eastern Scheme at Kempsey, but the work on the South Western Scheme proceeded unhindered except for the usual stoppages due to adverse weather conditions.

Upon completion of these schemes piped water supplies will be available in practically the whole of the Upton upon Severn Rural District.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There is one privately owned swimming bath in the district open to the public.

The water is obtained from a deep well on the premises and is treated by preliminary screening, filtration, simple chlorination and aeration by means of a "cascade".

The turnover period is a maximum of 6 hours.

Daily tests are made with a Lovibond Comparator by the operator for chlorine content and pH value. Two samples were submitted to the public analyst by the Authority for bacteriological examination and both proved satisfactory.

WATER SAMPLING.

Public Mains Supplies.

No. of samples submitted for analysis	50

Private Wells.

No. of samples submitted for analysis	39
Results of analyses - Satisfactory	26
Unsatisfactory	13
No. of wells cleansed and repaired as a result of informal action	5
No. of wells closed during the year	4

HOUSING.

The erection of 32 dwellings commenced at Bannut Hill, Kempsey during the year, and are intended to rehouse families displaced by Slum Clearance.

More dwellings will be required in the Kempsey area, and more bungalows, or the smaller type of dwelling, are needed at Powick.

Despite frequent requests to the Housing Committee, the provision of more "Old Persons Dwellings" in the locality of Upton Town has not yet come to fruition. This delay has naturally seriously hindered the programme for Upton Town.

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

No. of premises dealt with during the year:-

Demolition Orders made	26
Closing Orders made	14
Premises Demolished	17
Premises Demolished voluntarily	2
Premises reconditioned	7
Premises where undertakings accepted	-

Table shewing number of Dwellings completed by the Local Authority as part of the post war programme.

Year	Dwellings completed	Year	Dwellings completed	Year	Dwellings completed
1946	10	1951	32	1956	35
1947	27	1952	58	1957	10
1948	53	1953	57	1958	10
1949	8	1954	54	1959	25
1950	46	1955	45	1960	15

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

53 applications for discretionary grants were received for consideration during the year.

52 were approved, and 1 was refused.

28 applications were received for Standard Grants; 27 were approved and one was refused.

RENT ACT, 1957.

1 application was received during the year for a Certificate of Disrepair.

No. of Certificates of Disrepair outstanding ... 5

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

Public Health Acts.

No. of premises visited	9
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	21
No. of defects or nuisances abated	7
No. of Notices served - Informal	6
No. of Notices served - Formal	-
No. of legal proceedings instituted.	-

Housing Acts.

No. of premises inspected	48
No. of premises unfit for habitation	34
No. of premises rendered fit	7
No. of premises not in all respects fit	5
No. of premises in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	26
No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	14

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year work was commenced on the sewerage scheme for the parish of Newland.

The Consulting Engineers were also instructed to prepare proposals for the improvement of existing overloaded schemes at Kempsey, Upton Town and Hanley Swan.

Conditions which give rise to justified complaints exist in Severn Stoke, Kinnersley, Ripple and Bastonford, and will require consideration in the not too distant future.

In addition to a number of small schemes dealing with groups of houses throughout the district, sewers and sewage disposal works are provided and maintained in the following parishes:

Earls Croome.	-	Pumping Scheme.
Hanley Castle.	-	Gravitation.
Hanley Swan .	-	"
Kempsey.	-	Pumping Scheme.
Longdon.	-	" "
Powick.	-	" "
Holly Green (Ripple)	-	" "
Upton upon Severn.	-	" "

Prescribed Particulars in the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11	13	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	46	17	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises.)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	57	30	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Section 110 & 111)

One Outworker, needlework, was in operation in the area during the year.

MORTUARY.

Five bodies were received in the Mortuary during the year - post mortems being carried out in 2 instances.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Refuse collection and disposal is carried out by direct labour and is under the control of the Council's Surveyor.

RODENT CONTROL.

In addition to carrying out treatments, Miss Clements, the Rodent Operator, makes systematic inspections of the farms and other business premises in the district, and for this purpose the following visits were made during the year:-

Farms, smallholdings etc.	629
Other premises	341
No. of Complaints Received	61
No. of Infestations Treated:-	
At private dwellings	73
At business premises	91
No. of other infestations	14

Treatment in respect of private dwellings is given free but a charge is made for treatments given to farms and business premises, based on time taken and materials used.

E.J. CROMWELL

Chief Public Health Inspector.